

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **February 10, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Office of EMS Consolidated Grant Award-Zoll Monitor/Defibrillators**

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate \$15,780 to the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund, with resources of \$12,890 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and \$2,890 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to purchase two (2) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services periodically awards grant funding to assist career and volunteer EMS agencies in obtaining/maintaining emergency vehicles and equipment; providing EMS management, leadership, and advanced life support training; and achieving other goals that support the enhancement of citizen and community EMS services. This grant is a continuation of such endeavors.

The Department previously purchased seven (7) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators. This allowed the replacement of five (5) older Marquette manual monitor/defibrillators no longer meeting American Heart Association standards that were assigned to existing departmental Advanced Life Support (ALS) engines. The two (2) remaining Zoll units were placed on Engines 5 and 8 in order to allow personnel on these engines to also provide ALS services. Manual monitor/defibrillators, unlike automatic external defibrillators, allow more highly trained personnel (e.g. Paramedics) to monitor heart rhythms and vary shock levels administered during the provision of CPR related services. Since engine company personnel often reach the scene of emergency medical incidents prior to the arrival of departmental medic units, having one or more Paramedics assigned to selected engine companies will result in the provision of more rapid ALS patient treatment.

The Department has now been awarded a grant to allow the purchase of two (2) additional Zoll M Series monitor/defibrillators to replace the two remaining Marquette monitor/defibrillators presently assigned to Medic 2 (the Department's non-emergency transport unit) and Medic 7 (the Department's reserve unit).

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee approval on February 3, 2004

FISCAL IMPACT: Non-recurring appropriation from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies. The remaining \$10,000 for the required local match will come from previously appropriated, but unspent, funds for this purpose.

CONTACT(S): Cecil V. Martinette, Jr., Fire Chief
William G. McChesney, Fire Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S): None

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund FY 2004 budget is amended and \$15,780 is appropriated with resources in the amount of \$12,890 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and \$2,890 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, to purchase two (2) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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